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Post's Corner.



The Emigrants.

BY ADICE (CAR).

Don't you remember how oft you have said,
Darling Corah May,
When the hawthorns are blossoming we shall
be wed,
And then to the prairie away!
And now all over the hills they creep,
Milk-white out of the spray,
And surely you turn to the east and west,
Darling Corah May.

Then the cricket chirped in the hickory breeze,
You cheerily sang you know—
O for the summer summer days,
And the time when we shall go!
The corn-blades now are nodding bright,
While busily calls the crow;
And clavers are opening red and white,
And the time has come to go.

To go to the calm our love has planned,
On the prairie, green and gray,
In the blushing light of the sunset glow,
Dear Corah May.
How happy our lives will be, you said—
Don't you remember the day?
When our hands shall be, as our hearts are wed?
Dear Corah May.

How sweet, you said, 'when my work is o'er,
And your are yet raging clear,
To sit and watch at the lowly door,
Of our home in the prairie, dear.
The rose is ripe by the window now,
And the cool spring flowing near;
But shadows fall on the heart and brow,
From the home we are leaving here.

An Original Story.

For the Post.

To the Editor of the Post:

DEAR SIR:—While taking an afternoon's
ride a few days since, my attention was
attracted by a small parcel carefully en-
veloped in brown paper and fastened with
red tape, which I discovered lying in the
road. I dismounted, and secured it, sup-
posing at first glance it contained law or
other papers of value—the red tape indi-
cating as much. There was no writing
whatever upon the wrapper, however—
no sign by which its owner could be dis-
covered.

Using my horse to a brisk canter, I
rode on, hoping I might overtake the
traveler who had been so unkind as to lose
a piece of property which had such strong
outward marks of having once at least
deserved his care. But my quest of him was
entirely unsuccessful. Inquiry brought me
the information that a young man, ac-
counted for travelling had been seen going
at a rapid pace down the road an hour or
two before; and on my return to town I
learned that a pale, student-like gentle-
man had dined there, and left without a
word to any one.

Having no means of discovering the
owner of the package, other than by open-
ing it, I did so, and found a M. S., which,
after a great use of diligence and perse-
verance, I managed to decipher. Once
acquainted with the contents of the parcel,
I made further efforts to discover the
owner, to whose name the M. S. afforded
no clue. But he is unknown to me, and
as I have found some amusement myself
in reading the contents of the package, I
have transcribed a chapter of the story it
contained, which I transmit with this note
to you. You may perhaps think it has
merit enough to justify its being given to
the world through your columns.

If these initial pages of the Unknown's
M. S. meet with your approval, I will send
you the remainder of the story, which is
connected and evidently told by one ac-
quainted with many traits of human na-
ture. I am, Dear Sir,
Yours,
L'INCONNU.

OAKLAND.

A Story of Every Day Life.

"Je prends tout doucement les hommes comme
ils sont."

CHAPTER I.

A summer's day was about closing—
Save the monotonous hum of insect life,
nothing broke upon the stillness which
reigned supreme upon earth. All nature
seemed relaxed and enervated by the sul-
triness of the day, and to be awaiting the
approach of night to awaken from apathy
and heavy repose. But this very tran-
quillity added another charm to the many
fascinations of Oakland Valley.

Enclosed apparently on every side by
hills and thus shut out from the turbulent
world without, it lay there basking in the
rich golden rays of the full declining sun,
which, slanting over the western hills,
threw a mellow light on each object, soft-
ening asperities, and heightening beauties.
At one end of the vale, and just beneath a
high bluff whose perpendicular sides bore
the marks of many a battle with the ele-
ments, stood Oakland Homestead, a plain
brick structure, whose outward attrac-
tions, if it possessed any consisted in its
perfect simplicity and unpretending ap-
pearance. Standing in the piazza which

ran along the front of the house, and over
which a thousand creeping plants had
flung their luxuriant foliage, a head ap-
peared before the beholder well cal-
culated to delight an eye and capable of
appreciating nature's loveliness.

In front of the house, and but a short
distance from it, a small brook which was
now possible on stepping stones, but in
winter roared and foamed like a mountain
torrent, pursued its quiet way, gently
murmuring and babbling over the stones.
High rising above it, a range of hills
steeply tilted their peaks heavenward,
their rough and craggy sides covered with
dense and profuse undergrowth, inter-
mingled with the loftier forest trees,
which shut up as in emulation of the hills
themselves, and now and then thro' the
tangled mass of foliage the gray limestone
half covered with moss could be perceived
admirably and pleasing tint to the
diversified colors forming the scene.

To the left, within an easy stone's
throw, another rivulet gurgled along,
which uniting its waters to that of the
first, and passing around the base of the
bluff, escaped thro' a gap in the hills and
was lost for aye to the beautiful valley.

Behind the house, and extending far to
the westward and parallel to the first range
of hills, another ridge with gently sloping
sides was seen. Here tillage had placed
her stamp, and the fields of yellow grain
marked the accomplishment of the fam-
er's toil. Retreating towards the west,
the two ranges seemed to unite in the dis-
tance, and viewed thro' the haze of a
summer afternoon. Appeared in meeting
to join their tops with heaven's azure.

Oakland house, surrounded by a grove
of venerable oaks, the most possibly of
primeval forests, thus sheltered in winter
from northern blasts, and now from "sum-
mer's torrid heats," looked the very abode
of tranquility and calm—here was indeed
the shrine at which to worship Peace.

Within the house two persons were
seated, or rather reclining at the moment
when this scene is introduced. To the read-
er. At an open window, where whatever
breath of air might stir could fan his tem-
ples, Mr. Allen, half sat half lounged up-
on several chairs, in the disposition of
which every attention had been paid to
ease and comfort. Overcome by the heat
of the day, the old gentleman had given
way to the god of sleep, and was now re-
posing as calmly and quietly as an infant.
As he lounged thus, with his eyes closed
and his body in the easiest possible posi-
tion he would have formed for an artist an
admirable study for a picture of uncon-
scious contentment.

He was a large and portly man, coming
within the scope of the Justice's descrip-
tion: "In fair round body, with good capon line,"
and displaying in his countenance infallible
marks of good humor and benevolence—
the exercise of which, we are led to fear
was somewhat checked by a tendency to
indolence, which physiognomists would
have discovered lurking in his features,
and this apprehension would have been
supported by those who knew him—for
he was described as one whose chief en-
joy and aim in life seemed to be to make those
around him as happy as he could with the
least possible trouble and exertion to him-
self.

At a little distance from him, and near
another open window, reclining in a
fauteuil in one of those graceful attitudes
which women seemed naturally to assume;
tho' possibly in many cases it is the per-
fection of

"Affecting to be unaffected."

which leads us to believe that high art is
simple nature; was his daughter, a young
lady who had seen perhaps twenty sum-
mers bring their roses to her garden. She
possessed a tout ensemble which was de-
cidedly striking at first view, yet a critic in
feminine beauty would have been puzzled
upon careful examination of her lineaments
to point out those which established her
claim to be regarded as a beautiful woman.
In form she was possibly too much dis-
posed to embonpoint to admit of graceful
motion, and while she had those rosy lips,
bright eyes, fair complexion, and dark
hair which are the constituents of beauty,
yet the eyes were not such as to justify
even a lover in declaring they were "ra-
diant stars," nor the hair dark enough to
warrant its comparison to the "raven's
dusky wing"—and so of the rest. Perhaps
the greatest defect about her face was
found in the mouth, or at least its expres-
sion—which indicated superciliousness.

This coupled with great length of the
lower part of the face and a retreating of
the chin, marred the general appearance
of her features sadly. Yet her eyes of
greyish tint sometimes so lighted up the
whole countenance, that the first impres-
sion made by it was recalled to the behold-
er. Resting listlessly upon her seat, she
alternately directed her eyes to the lovely
landscape spread out before her, or to the
pages of a book which she carelessly held
in her hand. Neither the one nor the other,
however, seemed to afford her any in-
terest; her wandering gaze evinced wan-
dering thoughts—and that they were un-
pleasant sometimes too, might be guessed
by a slight compression of the lip and
clenching of a not very small hand which
rested upon the cushion.

A sharp quick rap at the front door
roused her from her day dreaming, and she
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that the sufferer might be taken out from
his uncomfortable position with compara-
tive ease and comfort. A few instants
sufficed to effect this, and with gentle
hands and many soothing exclamations of
sympathy from the kind-hearted old man,
the stranger was finally rescued from the
wreck of the vehicle and placed in Mr.
Allen's carriage, which, by this time, had
reached the ground.

Carefully and slowly the carriage was
driven to the house, several hands sup-
porting the injured limb, and all precau-
tions used to save the sufferer as much
pain as possible. His thanks were looked
not spoken; for his agony seemed so in-
tense as to completely deprive him of the
power of utterance.

Placed upon a couch, and somewhat
restored by the stimulants Mr. Allen ad-
ministered, the traveler finally found his
voice:

"Indeed, sir," said he, in a low tone of
great sweetness, "I am very grateful for
your kindness."

"Oh, don't speak of it—pry, don't
speak of it," exclaimed the hearty old
gentleman. "You have met with a sad
accident, sir, but I trust there is no
reason to apprehend anything serious. I
have sent for Dr. Harris, and expect him
every moment. I don't doubt between
us we'll soon get you up again. In the
meantime, I beg you will use my house as
your own, and—"

Further speech was interrupted by the
entrance of the physician, a quick moving,
bustling man, who, with a nod of greet-
ing to Mr. Allen, proceeded with but little
ceremony to examine the injuries of the
stranger.

"If a man would," he remarked, in
a tone which implied that he was not
at all surprised at the accident, "he should
be careful of his horse, and not riding the
open doors by the intruder. An elderly
man of ten or twelve years, whose counte-
nances and perspiration covered face, and
clad the deep with a rich light brown
mowing, answered the invitation. Re-
sisting the door almost breathless, and
for the moment quite speechless, he stood
before Mr. Allen, his little chest heaving
with his efforts to deliver himself of his
message. At length

"Oh! Mr. Allen," he started out
—"Oh! a strange man—been here over
—in a buggy—and drove me to the door—
a piece down the road—and I'm com-
ing out and some of the boys to help him
out."

"Bless my soul, bless my soul," ex-
claimed Mr. Allen, now thoroughly awake,
"is it possible? Broke his leg—dreadful
—we must see to this immediately—Sue,
daughter, tell Tom to take a horse and go
to Kenton for Dr. Harris, while I go with
Johnny here. How far is it Johnny?"

Just round the field vender, no way
farly. He's broke his leg, certain, and
looked most dead when I came after

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to Charter the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, approved March 20, 1855."

WHEREAS, It is represented to the present General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, that the county of Marion has subscribed to the capital stock of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company for the purpose of aiding in the building of a Branch Road from the main line of said Railroad to Lebanon the sum of \$200,000, and in order to raise the means to pay the same, has issued to said Company two hundred bonds, one thousand dollars each, the principle payable twenty years after date, and the interest payable semi-annually, and in order to pay the interest on said bonds from their date up to the 1st day of April, 1856, has levied a tax on the real, mixed, and personal estate subject to taxation in said County. Now, in order to afford to the citizens and tax-payers of said County an opportunity to liquidate and discharge said debt, principle and interest, at any time short of twenty years—

§1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, That at any time after the passage of this act, each and every tax-payer may, by and with the consent of the President and Directors of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, liquidate and discharge such part of said debt, principle and interest as will be equal to such tax-payers' proportional part thereof, estimating the whole taxable property of said County for the year in which the payment is made as being subject to the burden of the whole debt and interest; and such tax-payers' taxable property for that year as being the amount whereby the proportional part may be ascertained.

§2. Be it further enacted, That if any such tax-payer so discharging their proportional part of said debt and interest, shall afterwards acquire other property not exempted by payment as aforesaid, such property so after acquired shall be subject to taxation ratably with all other property in the county, unless discharged thereupon by payment in the manner aforesaid.

§3. Be it further enacted, That the sum which any tax-payer shall pay in discharge of their proportional part of said debt and interest, shall be owned and held by such tax-payer as stock in said Railroad Company, and as such entitled to draw dividends as other stockholders.

§4. Be it further enacted, That in order to facilitate the object intended by this act, it shall be the duty of the Judge of the Marion County Court, by an order of Record of said Court, to appoint some suitable person in said County a Commissioner, who shall in said Court execute bond with good security in the penalty of \$20,000 conditioned faithfully to discharge his duties under this act.

§5. Be it further enacted, That the payments by tax-payers of their proportional part of said debt and interest shall be made by their purchasing from said Railroad Company or others holding the bonds of Marion County issued for the purpose of aiding in the construction of said Road, and by presenting to the Commissioners so appointed by the Marion County Court, such bond or bonds together with a copy of their list of taxable property for that year duly certified by the clerk of the Marion County Court, and such Commissioner shall thereupon in the manner by this act before directed, ascertain such tax-payers' proportional part of the entire debt and interest as aforesaid and give to such tax-payer a receipt specifying particularly the property so exempted in such tax-payers' list, and that such tax-payer and the property named in said receipt is discharged from all future liability to be taxed for the payment of said Railroad debt and interest, and thereupon such tax-payers shall surrender to such Commissioners the bond or bonds of said County to the amount, dollar for dollar, of such tax-payers' proportional part of said debt and interest.

§6. Be it further enacted, That whenever such Commissioner shall have taken from tax-payers the bonds of said County to the number of ten bonds, he shall present the same together with a record of the names of the persons from whom he received them, together with the certified lists of their property to the Judge of the Marion County Court, in open court; and said Judge shall inspect the same, and if found correct in calculation he shall order a record to be made on the order book of said Court of the names of the persons so being discharged from further payment, specifying the year in which the estimate was made, and also cause a record to be made of the property so paid upon and exempted, and also of the number of the bonds so purchased by said Commissioner; and thereupon said Judge shall, in the presence of the Clerk of said Court and the County Attorney, destroy said bonds by burning them.

§7. Be it further enacted, That the Commissioner shall receive for his services to be paid by the tax-payers, 20 cents for each receipt he shall give to such tax-payers.

§8. Be it further enacted, That the assent of said Railroad Company to the carrying out of this act shall be manifested by an order made by the President and Directors of said Company on their records to that effect, and a copy of such order presented to the Marion County Court; and thereupon the Judge of said Court shall appoint the Commissioner as by this act directed.

§9. Be it further enacted, That no discharge shall be given to any tax-payer until such tax-payer shall produce to the Commissioner the receipt or other satisfactory evidence that the Railroad tax has been paid for all the previous years.

§10. Be it further enacted, That if any tax-payer shall produce to such Commissioner a County bond or bonds ending for a larger amount than such tax-payer's proportional part of the County debt, the Commissioner may give such tax-payer a discharge for the amount of such tax-payer's proportional part of the County debt, and credit the same in his own hand-write on the back of said bond, keeping a record of the number of the bond and amount and time of credit, and re-deliver said bond so credited to such tax-payer who shall thereafter only be entitled to the balance of said bond, and to draw interest on said bond due thereon, which record shall in like manner be returned to the County Court, and when the whole bond is discharged, the Commissioner shall take it in and return it to the County Court as aforesaid.

§11. Be it further enacted, That when the Clerk of the Marion County Court delivers to the Sheriff the Commissioner's books of tax for each year, he shall also deliver to the Sheriff an alphabetical list of names of such persons as have obtained their discharge from the Railroad tax, which shall be evidence to the Sheriff of who are exempt from said Railroad tax.

§12. Be it further enacted, That the County Court of Marion County shall, at the June term of said court in each year, levy on the property of said County taxable for State Revenue purpose not exempted from Railroad tax, a sum sufficient to raise the amount of fifty thousand dollars; and the same shall be collected and paid over to the Treasurer of the sinking fund in the same way as is now directed by law in regard to the monies levied and collected off the property owners of said County to pay the interest on her county bonds.

§13. Be it further enacted, That said County Court shall appoint the Sheriff of said County the collector; but such collector shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties as such, execute bond in said Court to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the benefit of Marion County, a penalty of \$75,000 with good security, conditioned to discharge his duties as collector, such as may be prescribed by this act.

§14. Said Collector shall have the same power and authority to levy and distrain in order to collect the amount due from each individual, as the collector of the monies to pay the interest on the Marion County bonds now has by existing laws.

§15. Before such levy as is in this act authorized shall be made, the County Court of said County shall, by an order of record, direct the vote of said County to be taken for and against the proposition to levy said sum on the votes cast in favor of all the votes cast in favor of such levy, then said County Court shall lay the same; otherwise no such levy shall be made.

§16. Before such vote shall be ordered to be taken, there shall be filed in said County Court a petition praying the same, signed by at least twenty tax-payers of said County; but such election shall not take place for fifty days after such order shall have been made; and it shall be the duty of said County Court to cause the Sheriff of said County to set up a copy of said order directing such vote to be taken at each of the places of voting in said County, for at least forty days before the day designated for taking the vote.

§17. The same persons appointed to hold the election and take the vote of the electors of said County for County or State officers, shall hold said election; and any vacancy or non-attendance of any of the officers so appointed, shall be filled in the same way that they are now to be filled in case of other elections.

§18. The collector shall, as fast as he collects said levy, pay the same over to the Treasurer of the sinking fund appointed by said County in pursuance to an act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, incorporating the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, and the several acts of Assembly passed in amendment thereof, and shall have the whole of such levy collected and paid over on or before the 25th day of December of each year in which such levy is laid.

§19. For failing to collect or pay over the amount so levied, such collector and his sureties shall be liable, by motion in the Marion County Court, upon ten days notice for and on behalf of Marion County, to a judgment for the amount he may have so failed to collect, or which he shall have collected but shall have failed to pay over, and also ten per cent damages thereon; and this remedy shall be in addition to the ordinary suit by petition and summons on said bond, which is hereby given to said County.

§20. It shall be the duty of the said Treasurer of the sinking fund, upon the receipt of monies from the collector, to purchase the bonds of the said County is such for Railroad purposes upon the best terms that may be offered, and shall, at the first term of said County Court after any purchase shall be made, report the same to said Court; the numbers and other distinctive marks upon any such bond shall be noted on record as matter of identification, and shall be destroyed in the manner pointed out in the sixth section of this act. The Court shall also cause a book to be kept in the clerk's office of his Court, in which he shall see that full entries of all essential marks of identification of each bond paid off and taken in shall be made previous to its destruction.

§21. The levies herein authorized to be made shall be levied so long and no longer than shall be necessary to pay and discharge the principle and interest of the bonds of said County issued for Railroad purposes, and such contingencies and necessary expenses as may be incurred in laying, collecting and paying the same.

§22. Be it further enacted, That if, upon submitting the vote to the people of said County, a majority of the majority of the votes cast are not in favor of making the levy, then the question shall not again be submitted during the same year, but may again be ordered and taken in the manner and upon the conditions prescribed in this act in any subsequent year.

§23. Be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect from its passage.

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